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SUBJECT: PILOTS STRIKE HAMPERS NORTH SEA OIL OPERATIONS

HELICOPTER PILOTS OF BRISTOL AVIATIONS ARE ENTERING THEIR SIXTH DAY OF STRIKE SERIOUSLY AFFECTING SUPPORT OF THE OFF-SHORE OIL INSTALLATIONS. PILOTS EMPLOYED BY BRITISH AIRWAYS HELICOPTERS LTD., ARE TO GO ON A 24-HOUR STRIKE AT MIDNIGHT TONIGHT IN SYMPATHY WITH PILOTS OF BRISTOL HELICOPTERS. THE NATIONAL UNION OF SEAMEN HAVE AGREED NOT TO CARRY REPLACEMENT CREWS TO THE VARIOUS PLATFORMS AND HAVE PLACED EMBARGO ON THE CARRIAGE OF HELICOPTER FUEL TO OIL RIGS AND PRODUCTION PLATFORMS.

COMMENT: THE BRITISH AIRLINE PILOT'S ASSOCIATION IS TRYING TO UNIONIZE BRISTOL HELICOPTERS LTD. THE COMPANY DECIDED ON SHORT NOTICE TO TRANSFER ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS TO MALASIA. WHEN HE REFUSED TO GO HE WAS FIRED. THE STRIKERS WANT HIM RE-INSTATED. THUS THE PILOTS AND BRISTOL ARE AT LOGGERHEADS. IT PROBABLY WONT BE MUCH LONGER BEFORE THE OIL COMPANIES PUT A BIT OF PRESSURE ON MR. BRISTOL.

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